

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As the below-named inventors, we declare that:

Our residences, post office addresses, and citizenships are as stated below under our names.

We believe we are the original, first and joint inventors of the invention entitled "CASPASE-14, AN APOPTOTIC PROTEASE, NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING AND METHODS OF USE," which is described and claimed in the specification and claims of C-I-P Application No. 09/187,789, which we filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on November 6, 1998 and for which a patent is sought; and that this application in part discloses and claims subject matter disclosed in our earlier-filed Application No. 09/139,600, entitled "CASPASE-14, AN APOPTOTIC PROTEASE, NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING AND METHODS OF USE," which we filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on August 25, 1998, now pending, which application claims the benefit of priority from U. S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/056,986, now abandoned.

We have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-entitled specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to herein (if any).

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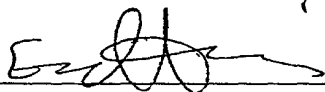
We acknowledge our duty to disclose information of which we are aware which is material to the patentability and examination of this application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(a), including material information which occurred between the filing date of said earlier-filed application and the filing date of the C-I-P application.

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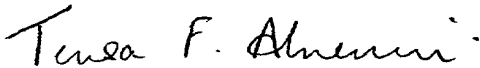
We further declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that the making of willfully false statements and the like is punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and may jeopardize the validity of any patent issuing from this patent application.



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